orm of horns and skulls were recovered. Uiother person named by the two oflen-lers is absconding antf has °ot been :rrested yet. The investigation in the natter is still continuing and the case S presently with the Delhi Police. The nfended destination of these wildlife rticles is not yet known.

(c) Yes, Sir.

plerscca Organised by Animal Wei-fars Bo23*d off IisdRa

15. DR. SHRIKANT &AMCHAN-«A JICHKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be leased to state:

(a) whether a Cbsference organised y the Animal Welfare Board of India as recently held in Delhi;

(b) if so, what has been the outcome E the Conference;

(c) what were in general the rccom-endations of the conference; and

(d) what does Government propose to > with regard to the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF *m* MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ND FORESTS fSHRI KAMAL \TH): (a) Yes, Sir. Animal Welfare >ard of India organised a Seminar on nimal Welfare on 30-11-94 and 2-94.

(b) and (c) It the seminar, following ire the main recommendations:—

(i) Mobilise public opinion and generate awareness.

(ii) Assisting setting up of shelter homes.

(iii) Stopage of Dog killing and adopting immunisation end sterlisa-tion.

fiv) Setting up Mobile Courts for ji'.ick disposal *rf* ea^es.

(iv) Animal Welfare to ba linked with Integrated Rural Development and sustiabie agriculture practices

(vi) Prevention to Cruelty to Animl Act, 1960 to be revised to make it more effective.

(d) The recommendations will be examined by the Governmentt of India on receipt of the same formally rom **b«* Animal Welfare Board of India.

Tiger Popnlatfc?: ta Wfld Life Sanctuary and Melghat Saictewy in Maharashtra

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DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Tigers in the Tadabo Wild Life Sanctuary in Chandarpur District and Melghat Sanctuary in Amravati District, both of Maharashtra,-

(b) what step? are besing taken to in-crease the Tiger population; and

(c) how many cases of poaching were reported in these Sanctuaries during the last, three years; and what is the action taken on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The estimated tiger population as per 1993 census in Tadoba National Park and Melghat Tiger Sanctuary are 14 and 72 respectively. The boundary of Melghat Tiger Sanctuary has been redefined and ther© are about 50 Tigers in the same now.

(b) Intensive management practices under the Project Tijrer Scheme is ex pected to result in improvement in Tiger populaton, its'prey base and its habitat.